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January 31, 1979

Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum  
Institute of Human Relations  
165 East 56 Street  
New York, N.Y. 10022

Dear Rabbi Tanenbaum:

AMERICAN JEWISH

I am enclosing a copy of my letter to Dr. Michael Berenbaum, designed to complete our records on the seminar: The Holocaust: Challenge to the Human Spirit.

Our expenses for the seminar amounted to something over \$821., exclusive of the honorarium for Dr. Berenbaum. Due to the efforts of Dr. David Jacobson and Mr. Oscar Ehrenberg, this amount was raised through the generosity of local contributors. If you have been able to take care of the \$400. honorarium for Dr. Berenbaum, we can close the books on the seminar. Please let me know.

Once again I must thank you for the speed and efficiency with which you arranged a keynote speaker for us. And, I offer my best wishes to you along with hopes that your mission to aid the organizers of the Oberammergau Passion Play was a complete success.

Sincerely yours,

  
Gerald J. Schnepf  
Program Development Specialist

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January 31, 1979

Dr. Michael Berenbaum  
40 Stimson Road  
New Haven, CT 06511

Dear Dr. Berenbaum:

For the completion of our records regarding the Seminar The Holocaust: Challenge to the Human Spirit, we would like to know if you received the honorarium for the fine presentation you made here Sunday, November 19.

In your letter of November 20, 1978 detailing the expenses of the trip you noted, "Rabbi Tanenbaum indicated to me that my honorarium would be \$400.00; I trust he cleared that with you."

I am sending a copy of this letter to Rabbi Tanenbaum so that he knows the situation. I trust he has returned from Germany after a successful meeting as advisor for the Oberammergau Passion Play.

Again, many thanks for your help with The Holocaust.

Sincerely yours,

  
Gerald J. Schnepf  
Program Development Specialist

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cc: Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum



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Birenbaum

January 31, 1979

Dr. Michael Birenbaum  
The President's Commission  
on the Holocaust  
Suite 7233  
New Executive Office Building  
726 Jackson Place, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20500

My dear Michael,

I am deeply grateful to you for accepting to substitute for me as the keynote speaker at the Conference on the Holocaust held in San Antonio recently.

From the reports that I have received you were a smashing success and I am very much in your debt for making such a major contribution at that important meeting.

Enclosed please find our AJC check in the amount of \$500.00 for an honorarium.

I look forward to our having an opportunity to meet during the forthcoming conference of the President's Commission on the Holocaust.

Again, with warmest appreciation, I am,

Cordially yours,

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum  
National Director  
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December 6, 1978

Rabbi Marc H. Tannenbaum  
American Jewish Committee  
165 East 56th Street  
New York, New York 10022

Dear Marc:

Enclosed is a copy of the letter that I received from Brother Gerald Schnepf of St. Mary's University of San Antonio. It seems clear from the letter that you and he never straightened out the matter of my honorarium. I wrote him detailing my expenses and indicating that I would send you a copy of his letter and thus attempt to iron out the problem of who is responsible for the honorarium. I hate to be in the middle of the situation so I am taking the liberty of directing my problem to your attention.

I am most appreciative of the confidence that you showed in me by inviting me to substitute for you in San Antonio. I enjoyed the occasion despite the fact that one member of the audience interrupted the question and answer session with Nazi diatribes. I trust that your trip to Germany was successful.

Kindest personal regards and thank you.

Sincerely yours,



Michael Berenbaum  
Associate Director  
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November 29, 1978

Dr. Michael Berenbaum  
100 Stimson Road  
New Haven, Conn. 06511

Dear Doctor Berenbaum:

May I extend to you the sincere thanks of the Division of Continuing Studies of St. Mary's University and the Committee on The Holocaust for the excellent keynote address that you gave to open our seminar on "The Holocaust: Challenge to the Human Spirit" Sunday, November 19.

It was evident that the message you strove to convey was very adequately transmitted, judging by the large number of questions and the fact that Dr. David Jacobson felt it necessary to bring the session to a close even though all questioners had not been answered. He did not wish to burden you unduly.

However, thanks to you, they were able to be satisfied after the meeting since you so graciously consented to stay until the last questioner had been answered.

We wish to add our apologies to those given during and after the meeting for the outburst from that disturbing member of the audience. You handled the situation very well and we were happy that he departed more or less peacefully after you had responded to his question or comment.

Your address aroused quite a bit of interest in the seminar as evidenced by the fact that the Monday and Tuesday sessions were also rather well attended. All in all our Division of Continuing Studies as well as the Committee on The Holocaust were well satisfied with the seminar and considered it a very successful event.

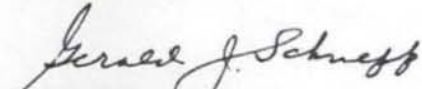
I trust that you have been able to draw up a financial report of the expenses you incurred; if you will send this on, we will reimburse you for the expenses. As we discussed while you were here, we do not know to what extent Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum will participate in the expenses. Do you know whether he has returned from Oberammergau? But we can reimburse you for all but the honorarium I believe.

I wrote to you earlier addressing the letter to 250 West 57th Street but it was returned with the notation "addressee unknown". I surely hope this letter reaches you satisfactorily.

I should thank you also for sending me the biographical information and the photo; the former was very useful for a number of news stories but unfortunately no newspaper saw fit to use the photograph.

Once again, many thanks for all you did to make the seminar a success and for adjusting your schedule so that you could be present at the time we had originally set for Rabbi Tanenbaum. Greetings to all your colleagues.

Sincerely yours,



Gerald J. Schnepf  
Program Development Specialist

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cc: Dr. David Jacobson







# THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE

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November 6, 1978

Brother Gerald J. Schnepf  
Program Development Specialist  
St. Mary's University of San Antonio  
One Camino Santa Maria  
San Antonio, Texas 78284

My dear Brother Schnepf,

It is with the greatest regret that I am compelled to tell you that I cannot be present for the speaking engagement on November 19th at St. Mary's University of San Antonio.

Those who know me realize that I take very seriously my commitments. Only an urgency of overriding importance would lead me to break this commitment with you and St. Mary's University. I think you will agree that what has transpired is precisely such an overwhelming obligation that I have no alternative but to make the choice in favor of meeting it.

I refer to the fact that during the past 10 days I have received an invitation from the leadership of the Oberammergau Village as well as from the prestigious Bavarian Catholic Academy to take part in an unprecedented symposium dealing with a systematic examination of "The Passion of Jesus" and its relationship to the development of anti-Semitism in Germany.

Since such a substantial resistance has developed to modifying the anti-Semitic Daisenberger version of the Oberammergau Passion Play on the part of elements that were formerly members of the Nazi Party and the SS troops, this effort on the part of Bavarian Catholic leadership and elements within Oberammergau who are sympathetic to the Jewish and enlightened Catholic position of Vatican Council II makes clear that the opportunity to try to effect some fundamental change in the 1980 Oberammergau Passion Play is of potentially historic importance.



While I attribute the greatest personal value to our friendship as well as to my obligation to you and St. Mary's University, I hope you will understand that it is in no way a slight to my commitment to you but rather a realization that this event which will not be repeated is of surpassing importance.

I hope it will be possible for us to schedule another date so that I can fulfill my obligations to you and your colleagues. If there is any way in which I can help to obtain a substitute speaker for that night, please let me know. I will do everything I can to minimize any negative result that might ensue from my not being able to be there.

With warmest personal good wishes, I am,

Cordially yours,

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National Director  
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cc: Rabbi David Jacobson

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November 22, 1978

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum  
American Jewish Committee  
165 East 56th Street  
New York, New York 10022

Dear Rabbi Tanenbaum:

I trust that your mission to Oberammergau proved to be very successful and that the results of the consultation with you will be experienced for many years to come in a very positive manner.

Many thanks for your efforts in securing Dr. Michael Berenbaum to give the keynote address for our seminar on "The Holocaust: Challenge to the Human Spirit". He did an excellent job and there were many questions afterwards, so much so that Dr. David Jacobson concluded the meeting while there were still questions pending, then, for another half hour or so many gathered around Dr. Berenbaum for further questions and discussion.


There was one unpleasant moment when a member of the audience asked about the book "The Holocaust Hoax" and then shouted obscenities, displeased with the answer. After he was escorted to the door all proceeded peacefully.

Regarding expenses, Dr. Berenbaum said you had suggested an honorarium of \$400. When I mentioned this to Dr. Jacobson and other members of the finance committee they recalled that you had said you would participate in the expenses. Is it possible that the American Jewish Committee could pay the honorarium? Our finance committee has promised to raise the amount needed for the other expenses amounting to \$800 or more.

We had copies made of the photograph you so kindly sent; believing you may have use for them in the future, I am enclosing them herewith.

Again, many thanks for all your help, along with greetings to all your colleagues.

Sincerely yours,

  
Gerald J. Schnepf  
Program Development Specialist

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cc: Rabbi David Jacobson



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November 15, 1978

Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum  
American Jewish Committee  
165 East 56th St  
New York, NY 10022

Dear Rabbi Tanenbaum:

Thanks so much for your long letter of explanation why it was necessary for you to postpone your coming to San Antonio; certainly the Oberammergau appointment was something that you just could not pass up. We all join with you in hopes and prayers for the success of your sojourn to Germany.

At the meeting November 19 we will explain the reason for your postponement and also mention your desire to come to San Antonio at some time in the future.

I had a phone call today from Bill Pickle of the NCCJ who indicated that he would like to cooperate with us in the future if it is possible for you to come to San Antonio after the New Year gets under way.

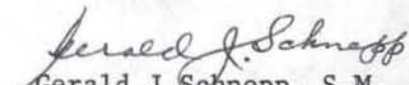
In the meantime, we have mailed out and distributed 7000 brochures and the response to date has been gratifying. We are hoping for a full house on all three nights.

I am enclosing the preliminary financial report, encouraged by your earlier statement that you could help with this. Thus far Father Leies has contributed \$100 from his fund, and Rabbi Stahl another \$100 from his fund. Dr. Jacobson and others promise to help raise more to help cover the expenses. Dr. Berenbaum thus far has not indicated the amount of a honorarium if any; if he asks for one this would have to be added to the preliminary total on the enclosed.

No doubt at this moment <sup>you</sup> ~~we~~ are in Germany or well on the way there. Kindly let me have your reactions on your return.

With all best wishes from all of us and hopes that you will be able to come here later on, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

  
Gerald J Schnepf, S.M.  
Program Development Specialist



DIVISION OF CONTINUING STUDIES

November 3, 1978

Dr. Michael Birenbaum  
National Jewish Conference Center  
250 W. 57th St.  
New York, N.Y. 10019

Dear Doctor Birenbaum:

Our organizing committee for "The Holocaust: Challenge to the Human Spirit" joins me in thanking you most sincerely for offering to substitute for Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum in giving the keynote address for the seminar on Sunday, November 19 at 7:30 p.m.

I am enclosing a copy of the program which will give you a general idea of what we propose to do, and the various participants on the three nights of the seminar.

As I indicated over the telephone, we have printed 7,000 of these and would like to use them, inserting a sheet with the information about your vita and other information. In the advance promotion we would like to use your photo (several glossy prints would be appreciated) and give the information about your background and experience. We would also explain why Rabbi Tanenbaum cannot participate.

We will plan to meet you at the airport at 5:55 p.m. on Sunday the 19th and also make a reservation at a hotel for you. If you plan to stay several days please let me know and we will make arrangements accordingly.

As for expenses and honorarium, please let me know the amount, and we will make arrangements for compensation with the parties concerned.

Kindly excuse the errors in typing, as I am hastening to get this into tonight's mail so that you will have it before your week's absence from New York starting early next week. And again accept our sincere thanks for accepting this presentation on The Holocaust.

Sincerely yours,

Gerald J. Schnepf  
Program Development Specialist

CC; Dr. Tanenbaum ✓ *Many thanks for making these arrangements.*  
Local committee

*Brother Gerald*



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October 3, 1978

Dear Rabbi Tannenbaum,

I'm very pleased to hear that you are coming to San Antonio to Saint Mary's College to speak on November 19, 1978.

I'm sure it would be of great value to the students in our Day School if you could spare the time to speak to them during your visit. I can arrange for your transportation to the school and back if you can fit us into your schedule.

Please let me know. Looking forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,  
*Rabbi Natan Schafer*

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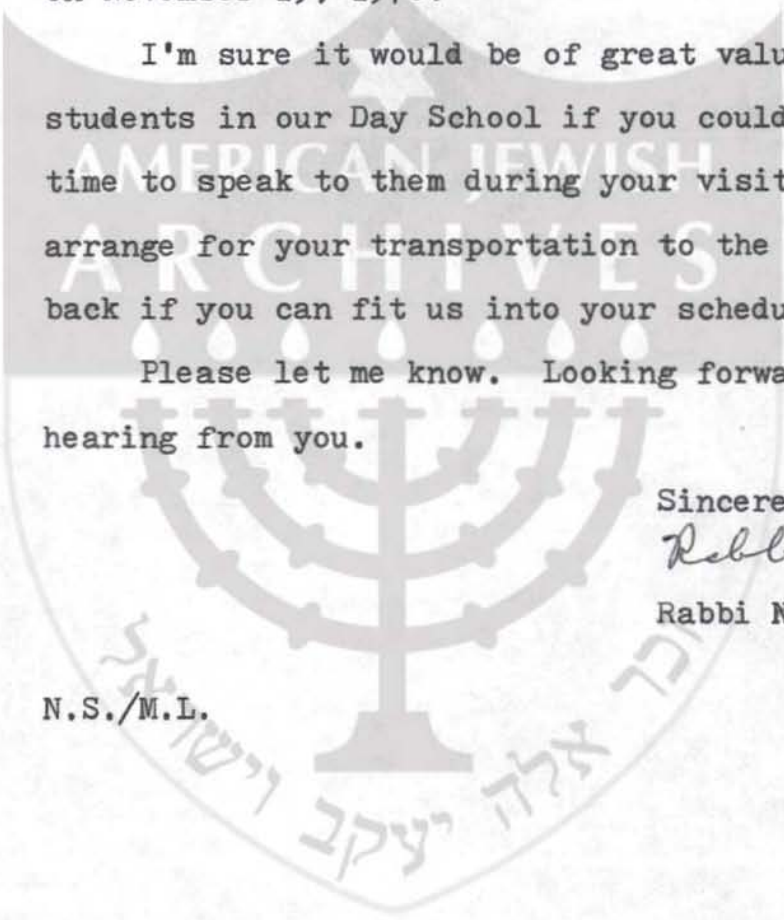
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September 28, 1978

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Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum's November 19 Visit to San Antonio

Rabbi Tanenbaum will be in San Antonio on Sunday, November 19 to address an evening meeting at St. Mary's University of San Antonio on "The Holocaust: Challenge to the Human Spirit."

Marc has offered to meet with AJC members for breakfast on Monday, November 20.

Last March, Jacob Kovadloff and Sergio Nudelstejer visited the community for two days (attached is a report on their visit). They addressed a general meeting open to the entire Jewish community, met with a group of 35 young leaders, and held conferences with the Spanish press, T.V. and radio, and thus reached the Spanish-speaking community.

You may want to take advantage of Marc's presence in the community to cultivate AJC's leadership, or schedule a meeting with other organizations (I assume that Rhonda Abrams, CRC director, will be willing to cooperate with you on such a meeting.)

Attached you will find Marc's biographical sketch, list of topics, and glossies.

Please let me know your decision as soon as possible.

Happy New Year.

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Encls.

cc: Will Katz  
Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum ✓  
Milton Tobian



September 15, 1978

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum  
Institute of Human Relations  
165 East 56th Street  
New York, New York 10022

Dear Rabbi Tanenbaum:

Many thanks for the prompt reply to our request for a biographical sketch and photos to be used in preparation for our program on "The Holocaust: Challenge to the Human Spirit".

The material is very complete and will prove very helpful to our public relations committee.

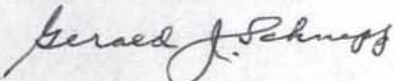
As I indicated in my letter of August 21, your presentation will be the keynote address on Sunday, November 19 at 7:30 p.m. Rabbi David Jacobson will chair the meeting.

On Monday, November 20 the main speaker will be Dr. William Samelson, one of the survivors of the Holocaust.

On Tuesday, November 21, Father John G. Leies will chair a panel discussion on the implications of the Holocaust for all people.

Again, many thanks, and we will be looking forward to an instructive and inspiring program.

Sincerely yours,



Gerald J. Schnepf  
Program Development Specialist

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August 21, 1978

Rabbi Marc H. Tannenbaum  
American Jewish Committee  
165 E. 56th Street  
New York, N.Y. 10022

Dear Rabbi Tannenbaum:

AMERICAN JEWISH

Rabbi David Jacobson has given me the good news that you will address our seminar on "The Holocaust: Challenge to the Human Spirit" on Sunday, November 19, at 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium of St. Mary's University.

Our Committee is very happy at your acceptance, and asks me to thank you sincerely, since your address will be the perfect keynote to the three-evening seminar comprising your address on Sunday evening, presentations by one or more survivors of the Holocaust on Monday evening, and then a panel discussion to present the implications for all people on Tuesday evening.

To properly publicize this important event, would you kindly send me a biographical sketch and several glossy photographs.

When you have completed your travel plans, kindly send me the arrival time in San Antonio and we will arrange to meet you at the airport, and provide for your stay in San Antonio at La Mansion del Norte.

Again, many thanks.

Sincerely yours,

*Gerald J. Schnepf, S.M.*  
Brother Gerald J. Schnepf, S.M.  
Program Development Specialist  
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cc: Dr. Jacobson